

As a hard of hearing individual, I feel that this decision should not be "voluntary" and should be required especially for emergency broadcasts, but also for other broadcasts to ensure that persons paying for cable service are able to receive quality programming that they can understand. Without captioning, whether there is sound or not, is not the point, for a hard of hearing person it might as well be in "mute" since the sound will not be deciphered the same as for a hearing individual. This is why it is important to continue providing high quality captioning services for television viewers.